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SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTS

The Department of Fish and Game (Department), through its Game Bird Heritage Program, the Tejon Ranch and the Millerton Lake State Recreation Area, are offering **free** spring wild turkey hunts. Providing hunter opportunity and hunter access are major goals of the Game Bird Heritage Program.

Tejon Ranch Hunt

Tejon Ranch is located south of Bakersfield in the Tehachapi Mountains. Ten free guided hunts are scheduled for **Juniors ONLY**, three hunters on April 3, three hunters on April 5, two hunters on April 10 and two hunters on April 12 2007. The Department, in cooperation with Tejon Ranch, released the Merriam's subspecies of wild turkey on the Tejon Ranch in 1989. They have adapted well to the habitat, and large flocks now populate the ranch.

Millerton Lake State Recreation Area Hunt

The Millerton Lake State Recreation Area Hunt is located on the Fresno County side of Millerton Lake. **This hunt is not recommended for the novice or inexperienced hunter.** Hunting wild turkeys with archery equipment is considered extremely difficult, even by experienced archery turkey hunters. There are seven **archery-only** hunts. Each hunt is one-week long (seven days), except the last hunt (May 12-20, 2007) which is nine days long, and are scheduled for March 31-April 6, 2007, April 7-13, 2007, April 14-20, 2007, April 21-27, 2007, April 28-May 4, 2007, May 5-11, 2007, and May 12-20, 2007. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older).

All hunters selected for this hunt will be required to attend a **mandatory** safety and orientation meeting on Saturday, March 24, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., at the Millerton Lake District Office. A limit of one bearded turkey per hunter will be in effect during this special hunt. The hunting area has both walk-in and boat-in access. Hunters will be required to pay a \$7 State Parks and Recreation Area entrance fee per day (waived in lieu of a \$125 annual State Parks pass).

How to Apply

To be eligible for the drawing, hunters must submit in writing their choice of hunts listed in order of preference. Hunters will be selected by a random computerized drawing for one hunt only. Applications may include up to two hunters applying as a party. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for **yourself and your guest**: ① name, ② address, ③ daytime and evening telephone numbers, ④ 2006-2007 hunting license number and ⑤ hunt location (e.g., "Tejon"), and date in order of preference.

Hunters may only apply **once**, either as an **applicant** or as a **guest** for each hunt. Submitting multiple applications will disqualify you from the drawing. Please make your selection(s) **carefully**. Changes **cannot** be made after the drawing. Applications must be returned to:

Game Bird Heritage Program Turkey Hunts Department of Fish and Game 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, California 93710

Applications must be **received** by Friday, March 9, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing. Only successful applicants will be notified with additional information about their hunt. For additional information about the hunts, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Game Bird Heritage Program at (559) 243-4005, extension 133. The Game Bird Heritage Program, Tejon Ranch and Millerton Lake State Parks and Recreation Area are pleased to offer these special hunts to the public.

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Application for San Joaquin Valley and Southern Sierra Region 2007 Tejon Ranch and Millerton Lake Spring Wild Turkey Hunts

Please Print Clearly All areas must be completed (including guest information, if bringing guest). Incomplete Applications Will Be Rejected Name Last (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)	
Liunting License Number	٥٥ توجيد
Hunting License Number Check here if Junior hunter Check here if Lifetime License	Selection Instructions:
Address Street City State Zip Code	Hunters may only apply once, either as an applicant or as a guest. Select your hunts in order of preference. Beginning with your first choice, enter the corresponding hunt letter in box 1. An application may include up to eleven hunts. However, you and your guest will only be selected for one hunt.
Telephone	
Daytime Extension Evening	1 2 3 4 5 6
Guest Name (Hunter Only)	
Last M. I. First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)	A Tejon Ranch, April 3 (Juniors only) B Tejon Ranch, April 5 (Juniors only)
Hunting License Number Check here if Junior hunter Check here if Lifetime License	C Tejon Ranch, April 10 (Juniors only) D Tejon Ranch, April 12 (Juniors only) E Millerton Lake, March 31-April 6 (Archery only) F Millerton Lake, April 7-13 (Archery only) G Millerton Lake, April 14-20 (Archery only) H Millerton Lake, April 21-27 (Archery only)
Address	I Millerton Lake, April 28-May 4 (Archery only) J Millerton Lake, May 5-11 (Archery only)
City State Zip Code Zip Code	K Millerton Lake, May 12-20 (Archery only)
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